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Subject: *United States v. Microsoft Corporation*

Dear Attorney Hesse:

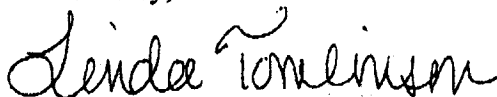
According to the American Electronics Association, New Hampshire has the highest concentration of high-tech workers in the nation. We also have a tradition of placing the uppermost priority on limited government involvement in the market place. Also, Money Magazine cites many of our cities as the 'best places to live' in the nation.

It is for these reasons that I feel passionately about the Microsoft case and believe that acceptance of the proposed settlement is in everyone's best interest. My state is a shining example of how limited government, combined with high technology, can create an extraordinary environment for consumers to live, work and raise a family.

High technology is forever changing and evolving. For the federal government to attempt to analyze its operations and punish the company because of its success is just not reality. Unfortunately, the federal government gave too much credence in the first place to Microsoft's competitors -who prefer to use lobbyists and bureaucrat intervention to make up for their inability to compete in the marketplace.

Over \$30 million in taxpayer funds have already been used on this case alone! It's time to settle and remove the federal government from the equation. It is only then that the marketplace can thrive and adequately fulfill consumer needs.

Sincerely,



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